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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON:—F. AGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GORCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BAYLY & Co., 37, Wallbrook, E.C. SAMUEL, DEACON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,000,000
RESERVE FOR DEPRECIATION, \$400,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS:
Chairman—Hon. F. D. SARSON.
Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq.
C. D. BOTTOMLEY, M. GRIFFIN, Esq.
H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq.
W. H. FORBES, Esq.

Chief Manager, Hongkong, Thomas Jackson, Esq.
Manager, Shanghai, Ewen Cameron, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

NOTICE.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
For Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " "
" 12 " 5 " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and on description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 347

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
 - The Assets of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will form a direct security for the repayment of sums deposited in the above Bank.
 - Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$1,500 in any one year.
 - Deposits may be on behalf of relations, of trusts, &c., in addition to the depositor's own account.
 - Persons desirous of saving sums less than a dollar may do so by affixing clean ten-cent stamps to a form to be obtained at the Bank or at the Post Office. When the form is presented with ten clean stamps the depositor will be credited a dollar.
 - Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
 - Deposits made from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Postage Stamps of any value.
 - Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
 - Each depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
 - Govern containing Pass-Books, Registered Letters containing Stamps or other Remittances, and generally, correspondence as to the business of the Bank will be sent to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or to the New Oriental Bank Corporation, or to the Straits Settlements, Malay States, Netherlands India, Sumatra, Siam, Saigon and Borneo must reach Singapore on or before 15th March next; from Japan, China, Philippines, Burma and India, on or before 1st April next; from Europe, Australia or elsewhere, on or before 15th May next.
 - To applicants to whom no allotment of shares is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and in case of application by any applicant for more shares than are allotted to him, the extra deposits will be applied in payment of the amounts due on the allotment of his shares.
 - Prospectuses and Forms of Application for shares can be obtained on application to any of the above mentioned Banks, to the Legal Advisers, or to the Secretary (per tem.) of the Corporation.
- Hongkong, April 25, 1884. 715

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAH-MAKER & SHIP-CHANDLER, 22, PRATA CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANYAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BUOYS, GORE JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.
Hongkong, May 1, 1885. 256

Bank.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in London on 18th July, 1884, under the Companies Acts 1862, to 1883.)

LONDON BANKERS:
UNION BANK OF LONDON, Ltd.
BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.
At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " " "
" 12 " " 5 " " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

CLAIMS ON THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION PURCHASED.
H. A. HERBERT, Manager.
Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1556

Intimations.

AMOI DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS, No. 30.

QUEMOY SEIT BUOY RE-PLACED.

NOTICE is hereby given that a New Red CONICAL BUOY, six feet in diameter, surmounted by a Black Spherical Daymark, has been placed immediately off the end of the Quemoi Spit.
Quemoi Pagoda bears from the Buoy N. 19° 52' E., and Taitan Light-house N. 75° 56' W.
The Shoal Patch which is shown on Admiralty Chart No. 1767 as forming, and on the Southern Edge of which the Buoy was formerly placed, bears from the Buoy in its present position S. 45° E., distant a little over one mile.

Masters of Vessels are warned not to pass between this Buoy and Quemoi Island.

H. J. MEADE, Harbour Master.

Approved: J. McLEAVY BROWN, Commissioner of Customs.

Amoy, 3rd March, 1885. 418

SINGAPORE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated on the 5th day of February, 1885, under the Indian Companies Act, 1866, whereby the liability of Shareholders is limited to the amounts not paid up on their shares.

CAPITAL—Two Million Dollars.
PAYABLE 25 PER SHARE ON APPLICATION AND 15 ON ALLOTMENT.

Further calls not to exceed \$20 per share not to be made payable at less intervals than three months.

Provisional Directors: THOMAS SCOTT, Esq., (Messrs. Guthrie & Co.), Singapore.

THOMAS CUTBERTSON, Esq., (Messrs. Boustead & Co.), Singapore.

TH. SOHST, Esq., (Messrs. PUTTARONG, RHEIMER & Co.), Singapore.

HON. A. CURRIE, (THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED), Singapore.

T. S. THOMSON, Esq., (Messrs. W. R. Scott & Co.), Singapore.

T. C. BOGAARDT, Esq., (Messrs. W. Mansfield & Co.), Singapore.

W. DOUGAL, Esq., (Manager, CHATELAIN, BART & LINDA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA), Singapore.

J. BURKINSHAW, Esq., (Messrs. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW), Singapore.

G. EDGAR, Esq., (Messrs. Edgar & Co.), Singapore.

ONG KIEW HO, Esq., (Messrs. Kew Ho & Co.), Singapore.

WEE BOON TECK, Esq., (Messrs. Wee Bin & Co.), Singapore.

QUAH BENG HONG, Esq., (Messrs. Bun Hin & Co.), Singapore.

JNO. F. CRAIG, Esq., (Messrs. Syme & Co.), Singapore.

Bankers: Messrs. DONALDSON & BURKINSHAW.

Temporary Offices: SINGAPORE EXCHANGE BUILDINGS.

Secretary, (Pro Tem.) ALEXANDER GENTLE, Esq.

THIS Bank is formed for the purpose of taking Fire Insurance risks in the Straits Settlements and elsewhere; with a special view to meet local wants and to avail itself of local information and experience.

Applications for shares may be sent accompanied with a deposit of \$5 for each share applied for, to any of the Branches or Agencies of the Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China, The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, or to The New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

Applications for the Straits Settlements, Malay States, Netherlands India, Sumatra, Siam, Saigon and Borneo must reach Singapore on or before 15th March next; from Japan, China, Philippines, Burma and India, on or before 1st April next; from Europe, Australia or elsewhere, on or before 15th May next.

To applicants to whom no allotment of shares is made, the deposit will be returned in full; and in case of application by any applicant for more shares than are allotted to him, the extra deposits will be applied in payment of the amounts due on the allotment of his shares.

Prospectuses and Forms of Application for shares can be obtained on application to any of the above mentioned Banks, to the Legal Advisers, or to the Secretary (per tem.) of the Corporation.

Singapore, 5th February, 1885. 333

For Sale.

NEW GOODS.

TEA TASTERS—POTS and CUPS.
Single and Double TIME GLASSES.
TEA TASTERS—SCALES.
SHOWER BATHS and PLUNGE BATHS.
New DECORATED TIN WASHSTANDS.
PARROT CAGES.

Patent LAWN MOWERS.

MORDAN'S COPYING PRESSES, WIND-PROOF LANTERNS.

MAW BEEF-TEA MACHINES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 432

W. POWELL & Co.

ARE REMOVING TO THE

VICTORIA EXCHANGE.

ON

1st April,

ENTRANCE FROM

QUEEN'S ROAD AND STANLEY STREET.

Hongkong, March 12, 1885. 433

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters.

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

HATS. A large assortment of Christy's Felt Hats, always in Stock in all the newest styles.

CLOTHING. Tweeds. Coatings. Trouserings. Serges. Flannels.

SHIRTS. Having completed our arrangements we can now make to order White Dress Shirts, equal to home manufacture.

HOSIERY, SCARFS, TIES, HANDKERCHIEFS, BOOTS AND SHOES.

Hongkong, January 6, 1885. 33

Intimations.

NOTICE.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

ALL HOLDERS of NOTES of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION (HONGKONG BRANCH) are hereby requested to present them to the Liquidators of the Bank, when they will be given in Exchange, a certificate of the value of the Notes deposited.

Holders of Notes will be required to produce the LIQUIDATORS of the Bank, a schedule in duplicate, giving the date of Issue, Number and Amount of each Note produced.

Forms of Schedule may be had on application at the Office of the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

For the OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, By his Attorney, J. MELVILLE MATSON, H. HOWARD TAYLOR.

Hongkong, August 2, 1884. 1235

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a Statement of Business Contributed during the Half-Year ended 31st December, 1884, on or before the 31st March next, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors, D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 24, 1885. 321

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG, Surgeon Dentist.

(Formerly Assistant to the Straits Settlements and Lately Assistant to Dr. ROGERS.)

At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUNDRELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Perfect adjustment of ARTIFICIAL TEETH by Atmospheric Suction without pain or inconvenience. Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address: 2, DUNDRELL STREET, (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 353

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th Instant, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1884.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 361

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, on SATURDAY, the 21st March, 1885, at Eleven o'clock a.m., to receive the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1884, and to elect Consulting Committee and Auditors.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, March 9, 1885. 409

NOTICE.

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

THE above HOTEL is NOW OPEN under NEW MANAGEMENT. Excellent Accommodation for BOARDERS. BILLIARDS. WINES and SPIRITS of the Best Quality only kept.

D. S. HEATSMAN, Proprietor.

Hongkong, March 6, 1885. 393

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF ENGLISH AND INDIAN-MADE FURNITURE &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to Sell by Public Auction, at the Residence of Mr. J. McALLUM, No. 1, Westbourne Villa, Bonhill Road, on

WEDNESDAY,

the 18th Instant, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—

THE WHOLE of HIS FURNITURE,

comprising—

CARVED Bombay Blackwood CHAIRS and COUCHES, ORIENTAL-CONVERSED, WARDROBES, MARRON TABLES, OVERMANTLES, LACE CURTAINS, BRUSSELS CARPETS, BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES, MARRON STUCCO with MIRROR, DINING TABLE, CHICKENY, GLASS and PLATED WARE, WESTON, BLUE WALNUT WARDROBE with MIRROR, FRONT, MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLE and WARDROBE, IRON BEDSTEPS with SPRING MATTRESSES, CHILDREN'S IRON BEDSTEPS.

&c., &c., &c.

A FINE COLLECTION OF OIL PAINTINGS, WATER-COLORS, AND OLD JAPANESE WARE.

JINIKOSH, LADY'S CHAIRS, &c. &c., &c.

Terms—As usual.

Catalogues will be issued, and the Furniture on view the day previous to the Sale.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 429

Intimations.

TENDERS.

TENDERS for SUPPLIES of COAL and other necessary LUBRICIOUS MATERIALS for the Spanish Man-of-war ARAGON will be received in this OFFICE, on TUESDAY, 17th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., before a Committee duly appointed, and according to the Conditions which can be seen and consulted in this Office every day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ENRIQUE GASPARE, Consul de España.

SPANISH CONSULATE, Hongkong, 13th March, 1885. 443

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT SILVER LOAN OF 1884.

LOAN A.

THE INTEREST due 15th day of March instant, on the above LOAN, together with PRINCIPAL DRAWN for Redemption, will be paid at the Office of the CORPORATION on and after that date.

List of Drawn Bonds may be had on application.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Agents Issuing the Loan, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 11, 1885. 426

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1884, at the Rate of 62½ POUNDS Sterling per SHARE of \$125, IS PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 2nd March, at the Office of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 28, 1885. 348

VICTORIA HOTEL, Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS extensive and well-appointed establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The Rooms are spacious, well-ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The accommodation and service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied Table D'OTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large Dining Hall. The Hotel also contains handsome and comfortable reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. The Hotel is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABEE & HING KEE, PROPRIETORS.

Hongkong, September 15, 1884. 1559

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1884.

CONTRIBUTORS to the above Office are requested to furnish the Underwritten with a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS for the year ending 31st December, 1884, in Order that the DISTRIBUTION of BONUS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st day of MARCH INSTANT will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, March 2, 1885. 393

Entertainment.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY will give A CONCERT, IN THE CITY HALL, HONGKONG, ON SATURDAY EVENING, the 21st Instant.

PROGRAMME.

PART I.—

'THE ROSE MAIDEN,' (CANTATA BY FREDERICK COWEN).

Chorus, 'Green Vales.'

Recitative (Tenor), 'Reel and Duet (Soprano and Baritone), 'Rock and Chorus, 'A real manly beautiful Solo (Soprano), 'Bloom on, bloom on, Chorus, 'Mid the waving rose trees.' Solo and Chorus (Contralto), 'Solo (Tenor), 'Up of even.' Chorus, 'Any wedding morn.' Solo (Baritone), 'Speed on my bark.' Solo (Soprano), 'Tarewell, Sleep thou lightly.'

Interval of 10 Minutes.

PART II.—

Duet, 'Sé mi credi.' Ballad, 'True till death.' Part Song, 'Night, lovely night.' Ballad, 'Speed on my bark.' Violin Solo, 'Speed on my bark.' Solo, 'Speed on my bark.' Chorus from 'The Rose Maiden,' 'Yes, 'on as die the Roses.'

'GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.'

ADMISSION—TWO DOLLARS. By Tickets only.

Seats may be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s.

Doors open at 8.30; Concert to commence at 9 p.m. sharp.

Hongkong, March 13, 1885. 447

HONGKONG MUSICAL CLUB.

A CONCERT will be given in the Theatre at the CITY HALL, by the MEMBERS of the above CLUB, ON SATURDAY, the 28th March, 1885.

Full Particulars will be duly announced.

Hongkong, March 3, 1885. 409

Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP MELBOURNE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship Matapan, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuations—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 p.m. To-day, the 10th Instant, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Tuesday, the 17th Instant, at Noon

THE CHINA MAIL.

building into a Casual Ward, or to a
 addition to the premises, for which
 more is probably ample room. It should
 of a room, furnished only with
 nging boards for sleeping on, like those
 a ward-room, or with Chinese b-
 eards and treseles, or with bamboo beds,
 and widons or two solid fixed tables, and
 brood from the floor. The beds should be
 lavatory. The admission should be by
 ticket only, each ticket holding good for
 hours. Tickets in books should be sup-
 plied free to
 The Governor,
 The Colonial Secretary,
 The Harbour Master,
 The Registrar General,
 The Surveyor General,
 The Treasurer,
 The Magistrates.
 The Superintendent of the Gaol,
 to all other persons should be able to
 at least 10 cents, or 51 for each book.
 * Some idea of the amount of accom-
 modation required may be gained from the
 experience of a *Sailors' Shelter* maintained
 during the past four years by subscrip-
 tion. Beds, light, and soap and
 their term to be ten hours. All that was
 provided, with an occasional ticket for
 meal elsewhere. On the average eight
 or nine per night have occupied this shelter,
 which has afforded relief to about 160
 persons each day, the total ex-
 penses being at nearly as possible a dollar
 a day, including rent.
 The diet should be the same as that
 allotted to European prisoners in the Gaol,
 which costs 10 cents per day each, and in-
 stead of meat once in the twenty-four hours.
 The men would not be able to do any
 work, and would not be permitted to meet
 with the Comproisors of the Col-
 onial Home to supply food on these con-
 ditions, and so long as a man is costing the
 Government 15 cents a day, it does not
 seem matter what building he is in. It
 is probably necessary to allow the
 Superintendent of the Home to select
 the men for looking after the place. Strict
 discipline should be enforced by not allow-
 ing to any man who had not done his
 work towards keeping it clean.
 It may perhaps be objected that a
 casual Ward at the Sailors' Home would
 often become a source of disorder,
 and riot. Such has not been the
 case at the voluntary refuge to which
 reference has been made. An occasional
 call on the police has sufficed to keep
 order, and at the same time to do duty
 at the Sailors' Home, and a Police Station
 immediately opposite, probably has little
 chance of the kind would arise. The
 best place would be premises attached
 to the Gaol but not actually in it, or at
 least to the Central Police Station.
 It might possibly be made a good
 room reconstructing the present miserable
 one there, which was probably some old
 one or stable existing on the site when
 the Gaol was built.
 The *Destitutes other than seamen*.—The
 difficulty attached to this class of men is,
 instead of getting shifted away with
 expense, they cost the Colony £15 to
 take to obtain passages elsewhere, and
 then other colonies object to have
 them. Enquiries should be made at Cal-
 cutta, Bombay, and elsewhere, as to the legi-
 slation in force there with regard to the re-
 sponsibilities of the masters of ships who
 get destitutes. It will probably be found
 in the ports named not only is the
 master of a ship compelled to take back
 on board any man who is destitute, but
 he is also liable to be fined for doing so.
 We should have similar legislation.
 He undoubtedly exercises a most wholesome
 check on the taking of destitutes to
 board.
 Even with such precautions in force,
 there will be a destitute artisan or labourer
 on board himself on the Colony, the same
 narrative necessity arises as in the case
 of a sailor. He must have bread to eat
 a roof to cover him, at least till the
 day, when perhaps better order can
 be kept for him. And here the proposed
 shelter is again found to be necessary, for
 destitute supply both of food and of
 shelter. If again found to be necessary, for
 a period of an indefinite period, it must be
 remembered that prison fare and a plank
 do not tend to induce a long stay any-
 where, and there should also be a legal
 provision for confined idlers and vaga-
 bonds, who would do much hard labour.
 Married destitutes are not met with so
 often that it is not worth while to make
 special provision for them. When
 a case presents itself, the only thing
 would be to get the Colonial Surgeon
 or Colonial Chaplain to find out, if
 possible, some domestic place where would be
 willing to take in the man and his wife
 while on moderate terms till better
 arrangements could be made.
 As a good many of the community
 are interested in this subject, it might
 be well to publish in the appendix to this
 report a list of the names of the public
 session can hardly fail to elicit some
 suggestions. Printed copies might
 be circulated to
 The Harbour Master or Acting Harbour
 Master,
 The Captain Superintendent of Police,
 The Superintendent of the Gaol,
 G. Wise, Esq.,
 J. Ede, Esq.,
 R. Crawford, Esq.,
 The Treasurer.
 The subject may be asked to constitute a Board
 to further consideration of the subject.
 I believe it should be suggested to settle
 the question for some time to come.
 I have the honour to be, Sir, Your
 most obedient Servant,
 A. LISTER, Treasurer.
 Hon. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G.,
 Colonial Secretary.
 In writing the above an excellent ticket system
 had been heard has been suggested. The system
 of the ticket being given at the Treasury
 office, and the ticket being given at the Treasury
 office, each destitute would cost less than
 at a work.
Police Intelligence.
(Before H. E. Woodhouse, Esq.)
 Saturday, March 14.
LARCENY.
 Atan, boiler maker, admitted a
 of stealing two hairpins, value \$5,
 widow named Chan a pak, while the
 was sleeping in the street yesterday.
 Atan was sentenced to six weeks' hard
 labour.
(Before A. G. Wise, Esq.)
DISORDERLY CONDUCT.
 King and Robert Webb, seamen,
 aged 22, or seven days' hard labour
 for disorderly conduct outside the
 Home at midnight on the 13th inst.
 Defendants were staying some rice
 and drove them away from their
 P.O. MacDougall stated disturb-
 the kind were of daily occurrence.
ASSAULT.
 A hawker, was convicted of
 of Lu Pak Chat, an inmate of the
 in Square Street, and beating her
 on her back. Defendant, in default of

ABU KLEA.

They were gathered on the desert,
Like pobbles on the shore,
And they rushed upon the Christians
With a shout, like ocean's roar.
Like the rushing of the storm,
Like the sweeping of the storm,
Like the raging of the tempest,
Came down the dusky swarm.
From the east and straggling brushwood,
From the waste of burning sand,
Sped the warriors of the desert,
Like the locusts of the land.
They would crush the bold invader,
Who had dared to cross their path;
They were fighting for the Prophet,
In the night of Islam's wrath.
They were savage to the victor,
There was glory for the victor,
And heaven for him who died.

They were mastered close together,
That small, devoted band;
They knew the strife that day would rage
In combat kind to hand.
And wild and wild the battle cry
Was sounding through the air,
As the foe sprang from his ambush
Like the tiger from his lair.
They knew the distant flashing
Of the bright Arabian spear,
As spurring madly onward,
They saw the host appear.
In numbers ten to one;
They knew the conflict must be waged
Beneath a scorching sun;
They knew the British soldier's grave
Might lie beneath their feet;
But they never knew dishonour,
And they never knew defeat.

And swifter, ever swifter
Saw the sacred hoards,
And from the sacred British ranks
A murderous fire was poured;
And like the leaves in autumn
Fell Arab warriors slain,
And like the leaves in springtime
They seemed to rise again.
Midst the rattle of the bullets,
Midst the flashing of the steel,
They pressed to the encounter
With fierce, fanatic zeal.
One moment swayed the phalanx,
One moment, and the British won;
Then British valour stemmed the tide,
As oft in days of yore.
Again and yet again they came,
And hotter raged the strife,
And, hand to hand, each single soul
Was fighting for his life.
On the silent desert air
Rose wild the battle's din.
Oh, War! thou child of blood and death,
Foul progeny of sin!
This glorious earth thy cruel hand
Hath sown with crimson seed;
But, watered by the dew of heaven,
They bloom in gallant deeds!
For the longest day hath ended,
The longest course must run,
And at length the foe was vanquished,
And at length the foe was won.
Ye smiling plains of Arabia,
Ye mountains of the North!
Now up, and greet your heroes with
The honour they are worth.
Then pause, and let a nation's tears
Fall gently on the sod.
Where the valiant warriors are sleeping,
Whose souls are with their God.
—M. B. J., in *Scotsman*.

*The Standard correspondent describes the cry of the advancing Arabs as resembling the "roar of the sea."

THE HONGKONG PUBLIC SCHOOL.

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REPORT FOR 1884.

The Committee of the Hongkong Public School are glad to be able again to record an advance beyond that mentioned in the last Report. The year 1883 closed with an attendance of thirty-three, while 1884 closed with one of forty-six. The average attendance for the year amounted to 34, an increase of 11 on the previous year. The number of admissions has been 21, and there have been 7 withdrawals. The withdrawals are thus explained:—One of the boys was appointed assistant teacher, two have gone into business in Hongkong, and four left for England.

The attempt to introduce Chinese has been abandoned, partly because of the impossibility of finding a good teacher of the language who is at the same time acquainted with English or is able to manage English boys, and partly because the time given to it interfered with more important lessons. The class for the study of Chinese was discontinued after the summer term.

The annual examination was held at the end of the year, and the papers were examined by Mr. Jennings and Dr. Eitel.

Mr. Jennings thus reported on the papers presented to him:—
"I have examined the papers of the 1st and 2nd classes in Physical Geography, Arithmetic, Algebra, and English Composition. The last named was a new subject, and the efforts were fairly good; some of the best papers, however, were here and there spoiled by slight philosophical errors. The essays were generally well written, but the continuous it after the summer term."

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unusually good, particularly those in large hand.
Mr. Hambling has resigned the head-mastership of the school, but has promised to continue his work in it till the end of the present year, by which time the Committee hope to be able to secure an efficient successor.

The financial statement explains itself. It shows a substantial sum derived from the endowment fund, and it shows also an increase of the endowment fund. The keeping up and if possible annual increase of this fund is of great importance in order to secure the permanency of the school.

From the numbers that now sell themselves of the advantages of the school it is evident that it is not only needed but that the effort to supply the need is appreciated. But the school could not have been founded, and it could not now be carried on without the generous help. Hundreds of middle-class schools in England are in the same position. The Committee therefore confidently again appeal to their friends and subscribers to renew their kind help for the current year.

ACCOUNTS OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FOR 1884.

Income.	
Balance from last year	\$ 118.66
Reserve to pay second half of debt to Bishop	518.15
Endowment Fund on current account	3,300.00
Interest on same	420.86
1 China Bond drawn	677.57
Contributions to prize fund	20.00
Refunded by Mr. Cook towards rent of Richmond House	41.60
Material sold	25.18
Subscriptions	2,039.00
Upper School	\$1,222.00
Lower School	323.00
For Learning Chinese	94.50
Total	\$8,926.32

Expenditure.	
Salaries of Mr. and Mrs. Hambling	\$1,890.00
Salary of Assistant Master	710.00
Rent of Richmond House 7 months	350.00
2 Quarters' taxes on Richmond House	36.00
Rent of Glebe, 6 months	507.00
Expenses of lease, &c.	5.00
School Materials, Stationery, and Printing	229.64
Repairs and Fittings	32.00
Advertising	17.10
Petty expenses	78.73
Second half of debt to Bishop	518.15
Endowment Fund on Current account	4,900.00
Balance in hand	98.70
Total	\$8,926.32

*The above sum, with 3 China bonds 1881, and one Sugar Debenture, forms the Endowment fund, say \$7,386 in all.

ALFRED LISTER.

Secretary and Treasurer.

Examined with Vouchers and found correct.

N. J. EDEL, Auditors.

F. STEWART, Auditors.

Hongkong, February 19th, 1885.

DISBURSMENTS 1884.

C.M.G.	25.00	S. Hancock, Esq.	25
Mr Justice Russell,	50.00	G.R. Lunnery, Esq.	25
G. Edmunds, Esq.	50.00	H.W. Beauchamp,	25
W. H. Beauchamp,	25.00		
Dalton Style, Esq.	25.00	T. H. W.	15
Hen. P. Hyde,	25.00	W. K. Hughes, Esq.	50
H. W. Davis, Esq.	25.00	A. Melver, Esq.	25
A. B. Johnson, Esq.	25.00	E. Behre, Esq.	10
W. H. Beauchamp,	25.00		
D. M. Nichts, Esq.	25.00	Messrs Falconer &	25
John Thurburn, Esq.	25.00	Co.	25
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